

	<b>Policy:</b>	<b>Diagnostic Imaging- X-ray Clavicle and Shoulder( Adult or Peds &gt; 5 yrs)</b>
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**Procedure:**

- A clavicle and / or shoulder x-ray is ordered for the following injuries:

**Indications:**

Direct blow or trauma to the clavicle or shoulder

and:

Deformity

**Contraindications:**

- Known or suspected pregnancy
- Unstable patient-physician to be contacted immediately
- Signs or symptoms of neurovascular compromise in the affected limb-physician to be contacted immediately
- Open fractures will be assessed by the emergency physician directly
- Patient is intoxicated or has other distracting injuries and is unable to follow direction, maintain motor control or is uncooperative

**Guidelines:**

- Do not order X ray in patients who have pain without a mechanism of injury

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